IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF DECEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE K.C. BHANU

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WRIT PETITION NO : 24001 of 2004

Between:

Rabindra Panda, S/o Bhaskar Panda, Hindu,
Nehru Nagar-8, Berhampur, Ganjam District, Orissa.

..... PETITIONER

AND

1 Deputy Transport Commissioner, Srikakulam, Srikakulam District.
2 Motor Vehicle Inspector, Palasa, Srikakulam District.

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue a writ order, direction more particularly writ in the nature of Mandamus under Article 226 of constitution of India, declaring the action of the 2nd respondent having known the fact, unless cross Koligam village road to reaches either Ichapuram to Bhimpur, seizing the petitioner's vehicle and by issuing proceeding vide check report No. 0966174 dated 14-12-2004 and alleging the bus is not plying according to permit is illegal, improper and arbitrary, consequently to set aside the proceedings of the 2nd respondent, declared as null and void, and pass such other order or orders

Counsel for the Petitioner:SMT.A.PADMA

Counsel for the Respondents : GP FOR TRANSPORT

The Court made the following :

O R D E R:

This Writ Petition is filed for declaring the action of the second respondent having known the fact, unless the vehicle crosses Koligam village road to reach either Ichapuram or Bhimpur, seizing the petitioner's vehicle by issuing proceedings under check report No.0966174, dated 14-12-2004 and alleging that the bus is not plying according to permit, as illegal and arbitrary and consequently to set aside the proceedings of the second respondent.

The grievance of the petitioner is that his vehicle was seized vide check report No.0966174, dated 14-12-2004, for violation of certain conditions of the Motor Vehicles Act.

The learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner has paid the tax and obtained necessary permission from the Government of Orissa and therefore he prays to release the Vehicle.

On the other hand, the learned Government Pleader for respondent contended that since the petitioner has to pay the tax to the Government of Andhra Pradesh as the vehicle was plying on the roads of the State of Andhra Pradesh and, therefore, there is no need to grant any interim custody of the vehicle. Hence, he prays to dismiss the Writ Petition.

The facts of the case are not in dispute. The vehicle of the petitioner was seized for violation of certain conditions. The petitioner has also produced the copies of the permit and payment of tax for plying the vehicle for a certain

route. In that view of the matter, whether the petitioner has violated any of the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act by plying the vehicle on the roads of State of Andhra Pradesh has to be decided by the competent Authority. Therefore, till then, it is not desirable to keep the vehicle idle exposing to sun and rain causing damage to the vehicle. Therefore, in the interest of both the parties, it is ordered that the first respondent shall release the vehicle bearing No.TN-72-N-0047 (Tata 1989) to the petitioner on deposit of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees fifteen thousand only) with the following conditions:

(a) that the petitioner shall not alienate or transfer the vehicle;

(b) that the petitioner shall produce the vehicle as and when required by the competent Authority; and

(c) that the petitioner shall also co-operate with the enquiry to be conducted by the competent Authority.

With the above observation, the Writ Petition is disposed of.

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22-12-2004

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To

1 The Deputy Transport Commissioner,

Srikakulam, Srikakulam District.
2 The Motor Vehicle Inspector,

Palasa, Srikakulam District.

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